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LOK SABHA

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GENETICALLY MODIFIED POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists of Jawahar Lal Nehru University have developed Genetically Modified Potato as reported in `Dainik Jagran` dated January 17, 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scientists from Jawaharlal Nehru University and National Centre for Plant Genome Research, New Delhi have developed geneticaly modified dihaploid pototo. The dihaploids are not commercially viable. AmA1 gene has been transferred in commercial tetraploid varieties of potato at Shimla. These trenagenic lines are under field evaluation.